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WE THE PEOPLE hereby respectfully moves for leave to file the attached brief amicus curiae in this case. The consent of the appellant, pro se, has been obtained. The consent of the attorney for appellee Harding has been refused. WE THE PEOPLE has not received consent nor refusal from appellees Blumenthal or Valeo.

The interest of WE THE PEOPLE in this case arises from the fact that WE THE PEO-PLE is a Washington State, non-partisan, public interest group organized for the purpose of encouraging greater citizen participation in public policy questions such as arise squarely in this matter. This amicus brief is submitted because it presents a viewpoint directly related and relevant to the subject matter which otherwise might not be considered and which would affect the final judgment in the matter.

Appellant challenged the constitutionality of Section 225 of the Postal Revenue and Salary Act of 1967 and Section 204(a) of the Executive Salary Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1975 as violative of Article I, Sections 1 and 6 of the Constitution. Appellant cited Prior Decisions, the Constitutional Debates, and the Contemporaneous Conduct of the Early Congresses, and barely mentioned the public policy issues involved. Since it is likely that appellant may pursue the

same course in this Court, it is believed the brief which amicus curiae is requesting permission to file will contain a more complete argument on the public policy questions involving Congressional accountability, code of ethics and historical incomes ratio between Congress and the people.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sonneland Chairman, on behalf of WE THE PEOPLE

DATED this 29th day of March, 1977, in Spokane, Washington.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, John Sonneland, hereby certify that
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